



Maryland

OPIOID OPERATIONAL
COMMAND CENTER

IACC Quarterly Meeting OOCB Updates

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About the Opioid Operational Command Center

Overview

- Established in 2017 (Executive Order 01.01.2017.01)
 - Following state of emergency declaration
- Maintains and updates Maryland's Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan
 - Governor Hogan's policy priorities
- Coordination with state & local partners
 - Opioid Intervention Teams
- OOC grants programs



Overdose Data Dashboard

October Update

Overdose deaths increased slightly in 2021

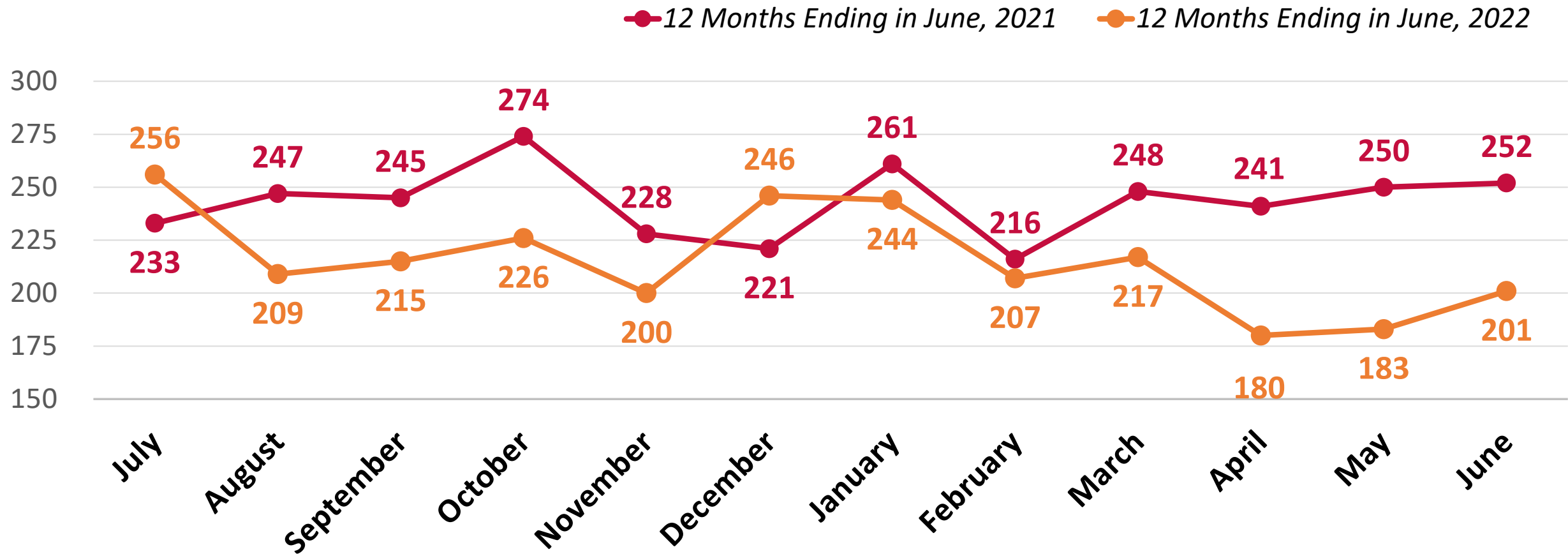
- There were 2,820 fatal overdoses involving all substances last year, a 0.8% increase over the 2,799 reported in 2020.

Overdose death rates have been decreasing in recent months

- In the 12-month period ending in June 2022, there were 11.4% fewer fatal overdoses in Maryland compared to the 12-month period ending in June 2021 (decreasing from 2,916 to 2,584).

Fatal Overdoses – All Substances

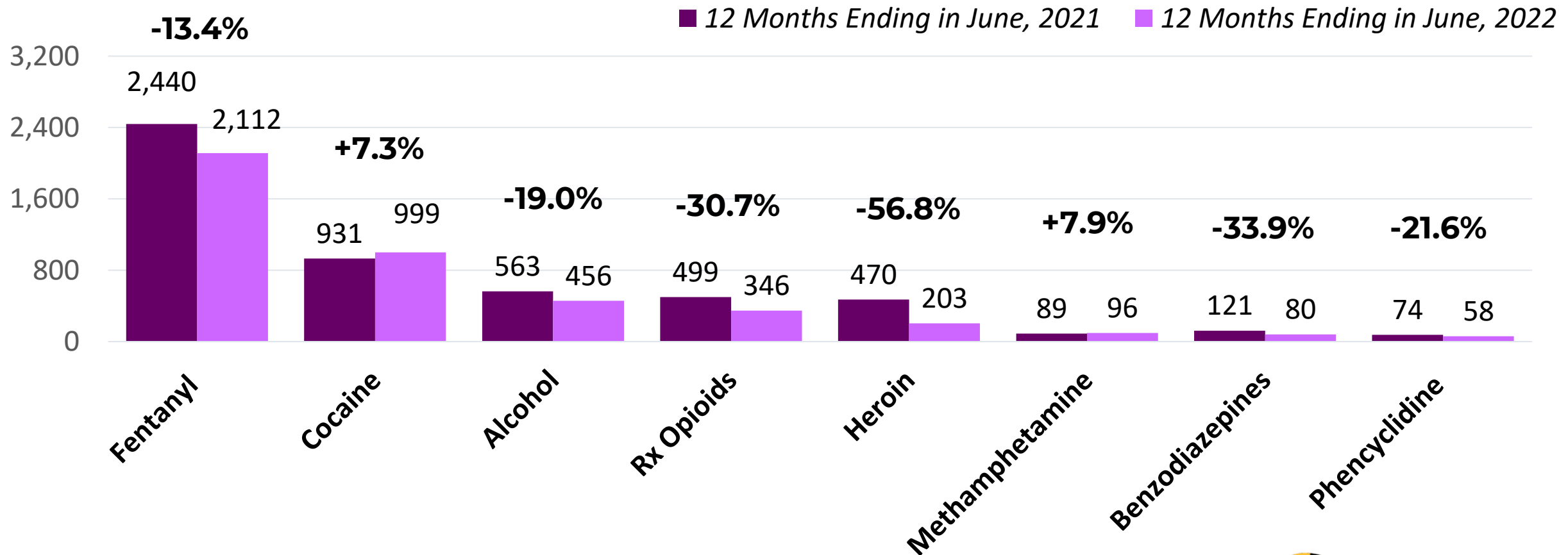
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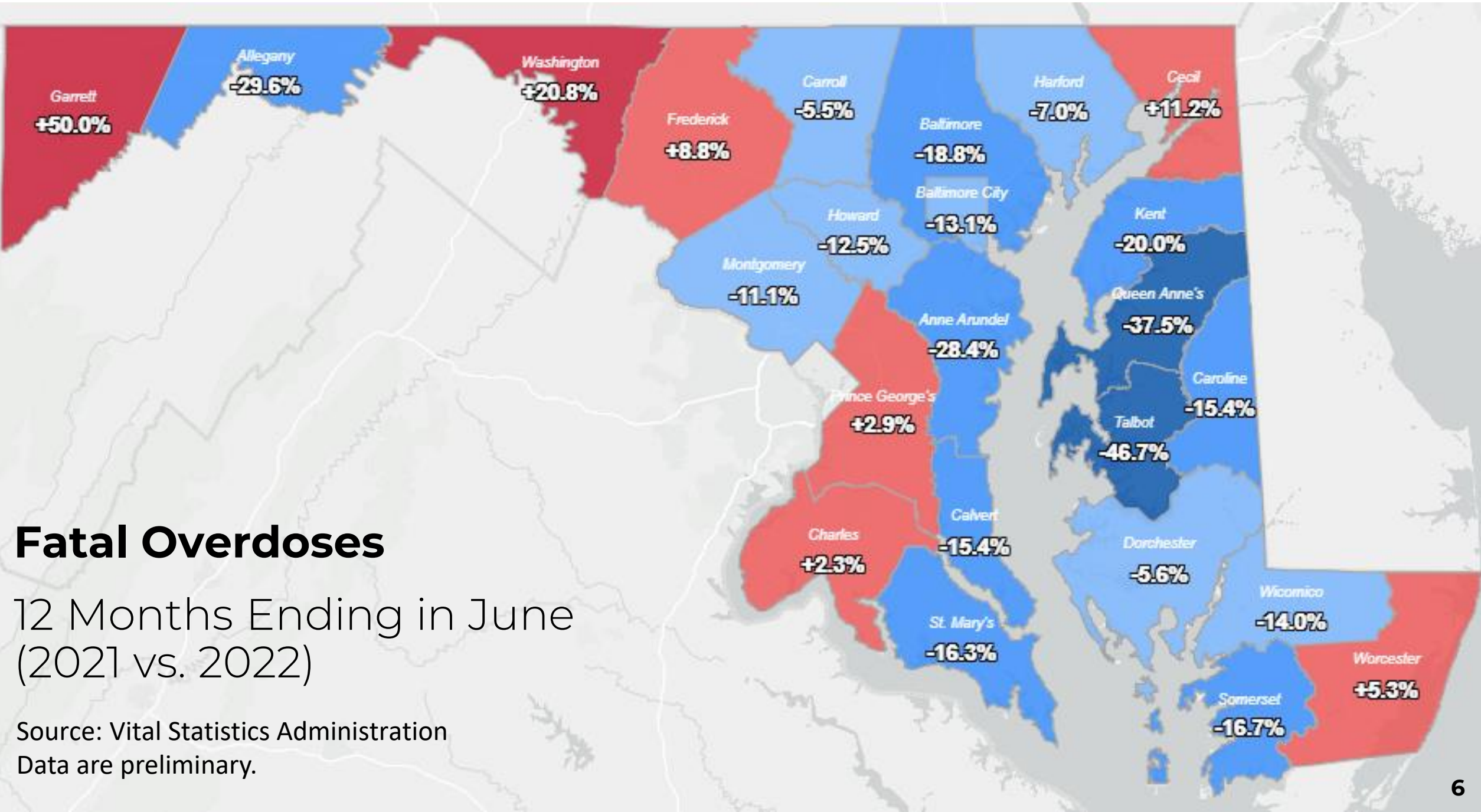


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2022-2024 Inter-Agency Opioid Coordination Plan

Release Plan

- **Overarching Goal:** Improve opioid-related morbidity and mortality
- **Supporting Goals:**
 1. Improve Statewide Infrastructure for Opioid Initiatives
 2. Promote Youth Resiliency
 3. Increase Awareness of Substance Use Disorder
 4. Expand Harm Reduction Services
 5. Promote Comprehensive Care Coordination
 6. Expand Maryland's Crisis Response System
 7. Expand Access to Evidence Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
 8. Support Recovery Communities

Fiscal Year 2023 OOC Grant Programs

Awards by Program

- **Block Grant Program**
 - \$4 million in block grants available to local jurisdictions via OITs
- **Competitive Grant Program**
 - \$6 million in awards to 38 different organizations
 - 19 private and non-profit organizations, 19 state and local government agencies
- **OD Examination & Treatment Grant Program**
 - \$7.7 million in awards to 17 local jurisdictions
 - Designed to help local jurisdiction expand services, such as screening, MOUD, and counseling in local detention centers

Access to Recovery Emergency Gap Funds

Grant Program

- **New funding opportunity through the Opioid Restitution Fund**
 - \$600,000 available (\$5,000 – \$30,000 per request)
- **For emergency recovery-related costs, such as:**
 - Transportation to and from recovery services
 - Recovery beds at MCORR-certified recovery homes
- **Eligible Organizations**
 - Recovery Community Organizations & MCORR-certified Recovery Residences
 - Local Health Departments
 - Local Behavioral Health Authorities

OIT Program Inventory

JHU Collaboration

- The OCCC is currently engaging with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to evaluate commonly implemented programs at the local level
- Assessment of program implementation between 2019–2021
- Future areas of focus will include:
 - Quality improvement for data collection
 - Review evidence base of the programs
 - Correlation to impact on local fatal overdose rates

OIT Program Inventory Fourth Calendar Quarter, 2021	Allegany	Anne Arundel	Baltimore City	Baltimore County	Calvert	Caroline	Carroll	Cecil	Charles	Dorchester	Frederick	Garrett	Harford	Howard	Kent	Montgomery	Prince George's	Queen Anne	Somerset	St. Mary's	Talbot	Washington	Wicomico	Worcester
Public Health																								
1. Harm-Reduction Programs:																								
Naloxone Distribution																								
Naloxone Training																								
Syringe-Service Program																								
Fentanyl Test-Strip Distribution																								
Wound-Care Program																								
2. Information Campaigns (PSAs):																								
211 Press 1																								
Access to Treatment																								
Anti-Stigma																								
Fentanyl																								
Good Samaritan																								
Naloxone																								
Safe-Disposal																								
Talk to Your Doctor																								
3. Local Hotline to Access Treatment																								
4. RV/Truck-based SUD Support Services (Non-Treatment)																								
5. Prescriber Education/Academic Detailing																								
6. Safe-Disposal Program/Drop Boxes																								
7. Employer-Education and Support Programs																								
Behavioral Health																								
8. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program																								
9. SUD Crisis-Services Facilities (Outside of the ED)																								
Assessment and Referral Center																								
Allow Walk-ins																								
23-Hour Stabilization Services																								
1-4 Day Stabilization Services																								
Mobile Crisis Team																								
24/7 Operation																								
10. RV/Truck-based Treatment Program (Dispensing, etc.)																								
11. Medication-Assisted Treatment Available in Jurisdiction:																								
Naltrexone																								
Buprenorphine																								
Methadone																								
12. Certified Peer-Recovery Specialist Support:																								
Commissioner's Office																								
DSS Service Center																								
Health Department																								
Hospital ER																								
Jail																								
Parole & Probation Offices																								
Mobile Crisis Response																								
Walk-in Center																								
On-Call 24/7 Availability																								
Post-Incident Outreach																								

ORF Oversight & Reporting

Advisory Council

- In 2022, MGA passed legislation creating an advisory council to provide “specific findings and recommendations” regarding the allocation of ORF funds
- Annually, the committee will provide written recommendations and specific findings to the governor and secretary of health, which will consider:
 - Rate of individuals substance use disorders by jurisdiction
 - Overdose rates by jurisdiction
 - Disparities in access to care & health outcomes
 - Available programs, services, & supports
- The Governor’s Office and the Secretary of Health have sent appointment letters, and an official announcement will be made soon

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